

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING – PUBLIC FORUM ON THE BUDGET
MARCH 22, 2011**

Location/Time: 7:00 PM, Veterans Memorial Middle School
105 Hendrickson Avenue, Brick, New Jersey

Present: Mr. Cuppari, Ms. Leone, Mr. Merola, Mr. Pifko, Mr. Talty,
Mr. Wolf and Ms. Terebush

Also present: Mr. Hrycenko, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Lorusso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Elward, Legal Counsel
and Mr. Edwards, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Ms. Terebush opened the meeting with a salute to the flag, moment of silence and roll call.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

Mr. Edwards announced: "The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon." In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Brick Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be posted on the Administration Office bulletin board, the official District website and Channel BTV-20, and sent to the Asbury Park Press and Municipal Clerk's Office.

Ms. Terebush thanked those attending the budget meetings.

Mr. Edwards went through the proposed changes to the budget, which have been formulated this week.

Mr. Pifko asked each Board member if they would support consolidation of schools, particularly Herbertsville, Osbornville and the Primary Learning Center, or if not redistricting. Each Board member indicated that they would not support consolidation of schools at this time.

Mr. Pifko and Mr. Edwards explained what courtesy bussing is. All Board members replied that they would not support a cut in courtesy bussing at this time due to safety issues.

Mr. Pifko asked each Board member if they were in support of a charge for extra-curricular activities. All agreed that they are not in favor of a charge at this time.

Mr. Pifko asked each Board member if they would support privatization of the Transportation Department. Each Board member indicated that they are opposed to privatization of Transportation.

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Mr. Pifko asked each Board member if they would support privatization of other areas. Again, all Board members indicated “no” on privatization.

Mr. Pifko and Mr. Edwards outlined proposals for Solar Panels for LRMS, VMMS and BTHS, indicating their ability to produce revenue.

Ms. Terebush thanked Mr. Pifko for his work on the budget numbers, while keeping in constant communication with Mr. Hrycenko and Mr. Edwards.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fourteen members of the audience asked questions regarding the budget.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 24	Regular Public Meeting	7:00 PM, VMMS Multi-Purpose Room
March 29	Public Hearing & Final Adoption of the Budget	7:00 PM, VMMS Multi-Purpose Room
April 27	Annual School Election	
May 5	Reorganization Meeting	7:00 PM, Location To be determined

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, at 10:20 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Cuppari, seconded by Ms. Leone, and with a unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Edwards, Jr. CPA
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary